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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 82 ATON, Paul Douglas, 1948-1968

½ box, 8 folders, 104 items, 1948-2004

Gift of Loyd Simpson Aton, Bardwell, Kentucky

BIOGRAPHY

Paul Douglas Aton, only child of Loyd Simpson Aton and Roberta Patricia Townsend Aton (1916-1955), was born in El Paso, Texas, on October 9, 1948. After attending Franklin-Simpson High School in Franklin, Kentucky, Paul enlisted in the United States Army at Nashville, Tennessee, on October 25, 1967. Completing basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in January 1968, Paul received training also at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Arriving in Vietnam in April 1968, Paul studied Viet Cong tactics and maneuvers at the 199th Light Infantry Brigade's Training Center REDCATCHER. Serving as radiophone operator for the Forward Artillery Observation Officer with the Headquarters and Service Battery, Second Battalion, 40th Artillery, Paul drowned under combat conditions on July 29, 1968. After a full military funeral at the gravesite on August 10, 1968, interment occurred at the Hebron Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Collection.
The Courier-Journal.

THE COLLECTION

The collection consists of fifteen letters received by Paul's father, Loyd Simpson Aton, after his arrival at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in November 1967, until nine days prior to his death on July 29, 1968. The telegrams and letters, 1968 (21), detail the information the family received following Paul's death. Related materials include certificates for the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, photographs, military papers and published army regulations.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	ATON, Paul Douglas	1948-1991	87 items
Folder 1	Biographical data, inventory and separation sheet	1968; n.d.	4 items
Folder 2	Letters to father; letter to friend, May 17, 1968; and photographs (6)	Nov. 9, 1967- July 20, 1968; n.d.	15 items
Folder 3	Letters and telegrams to Loyd Aton concerning his son's death; two letters about Paul's basic training and work as colonel's orderly	Nov. 9, 1967; Feb. 23, 1968; July 30 - Dec. 4, 1968; n.d.	24 items
Folder 4	Photographs (6) and certificates	Jan. 12 - Sept. 19, 1968; n.d.	8 items
Folder 5	Certificates and news clippings	1948; 1955; 1968; 1989	10 items
Folder 6	Military papers - Scores, equipment requisitions, etc.	June 10, 1967- March 20, 1968; n.d.	19 items
Folder 7	Funeral book and U.S. Army publications	1964-1968	7 items
Folder 8	Miscellaneous	1968; n.d.	4 items

CATALOG CARD

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Vietnam War letters written to his father, Loyd Aton, of Franklin, Ky., documenting his training at Fort Campbell, Fort Gordon, and Fort Sill and his war experiences, Nov. 9, 1967-July 20, 1968. Includes family's notification of his death and burial information.

1 box. 8 folders. 87 items. Originals.
See descriptive inventory for details.

Gift of Loyd Aton, Bardwell, KY.

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 United States - Army - Pay, allowances, etc.
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 Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975 - Motion pictures and the war
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CHRONOLOGICAL CARDS

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PHOTOGRAPH CARDS

Aton, Loyd Simpson - Photos F4
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SEE ALSO CARDS

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Names of Specific Military Posts

*Some items were added at a later date and the Descriptive Inventory reflects that, but the numbers and dates on the catalog card do not.